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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 4198

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SECOND KUWAITI PUBLICATION SHUT DOWN UNDER AMENDED PRESS LAW

REF: KUWAIT 4159 (NOTAL)

1. KUWAIT PRESS REPORT (KUWAIT TIMES, SEPT 2), AND OTHER INFORMATION EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED, INDICATES THAT GOK HAS SHUT DOWN LEFTIST WEEKLY MAGAZINE AL TALE'A FOR THREE MONTHS, UNDER NEWLY DECREED AMENDMENT TO KUWAITI PRESS LAW (DESCRIBED REFTEL). TIMES ARTICLE SAYS GOK DEPPRIMIN/MININFO JABER AL ALI ISSUED "DECREE" SUSPENDING MAGAZINE "FOR PUBLISHING CONTROVERSIAL ARTICLE" SEPT 1.

2. AL TALE'A HAD BEEN KUWAIT'S ONLY INDIGENOUS RADICAL LEFTIST PUBLICATION; IT CONSISTENTLY EXPRESSED HARSHER LEFTIST VIEWS THAN ANY OTHER PERIODICAL OF GENERAL DISTRIBUTION. OWNED AND OPERATED BY SAMI MUNAYYIS, A KUWAITI ASSEMBLYMAN OF LEFTIST PERSUASION IN THE NOW-DISSOLVED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, THE MAGAZINE
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HAS A STAFF COMPOSED LARGELY OF PALESTINIANS. TOGETHER WITH

THE KUWAIT SAILY NEWSPAPER AL WATAN (SHUT DOWN AUGUST 30 UNDER
A SIMILAR GOK ORDER), AL TALE'A HAS BEEN LEADING CRITIC OF GOK.
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